

CATHOLIC ORPHAN ASYLUM

A New Extensive Site Is Selected on Fordham Heights.

THE PRICE ABOUT \$336,000

New Buildings to Cost About \$1,000,-
000—The Old Property, Worth
About \$3,500,000, to be Sold.

The committee of which John D. Crimmins is Chairman, appointed to select a site for the new buildings of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, met last evening at the house of Archbishop Corrigan and decided to acquire from the Nathaniel P. Bailey estate a tract of about twenty-eight acres on Fordham Heights.

An offer from representatives of the estate to dispose of the land in question was heard and acted upon favorably. The price, it was learned on good authority, will be about \$12,000 per acre. The final contracts in the deal will be signed to-day by the Archbishop, acting as President of the Orphan Asylum Society.

The new site has been highly recommended by all the experts who have gone over the ground, and will, it is thought, be admirably adapted to the needs of the institution. The tract lies along the summit of the high ridge immediately east of the Harlem, and is from 140 to 190 feet above tide-water. It extends along the easterly side of Sedgwick Avenue, from the land of the Webb Academy and Home for Shipbuilders, on the south, to King's Bridge Road on the north. The easterly boundary is somewhat irregular, but follows pretty closely the line of the new aqueduct and the proposed Teetaw Avenue. Two of the proposed parks for Bronx Borough are close to the southerly line of the property.

Plans for the new buildings of the asylum have not yet assumed definite form. In the near future, however, a number of leading architects will probably be invited to submit competitive designs, after which a selection will be made and work begun as speedily as possible. The amount to be expended on the buildings is roughly estimated at \$1,000,000.

This move by this institution will, of course, bring into the market the two blocks now occupied by its buildings, and included by Fifty-first and Fifty-second Streets, Fifth and Park Avenues. It was authoritatively stated last evening, however, that no attempt would be made to dispose of the old property until within six months before the completion of the buildings on the new site.

The two blocks referred to, which are valued at about \$3,500,000, were acquired by the asylum about 1850, before which time it was located in Prince Street. The boys' asylum building was completed in 1851, and the building for girls in 1870. The present number of inmates of both sexes is about 1,100, and the expenses of the institution amount annually to \$100,000.

The land at Fordham Heights just purchased is only part of the Bailey estate holdings in the neighborhood, which consists in all of about eighty acres, much of which is between Sedgwick Avenue and the Harlem River. Much of the ground figures in Revolutionary history and tradition, and near the northerly end of the land bought by the Orphan Asylum was located a British fort, known as King's Battery.

W. F. HOEY'S MOTHER SUES.

She Wants an Accounting from the

Dead Actor's Widow.

The mother of William F. Hoey, who died recently, is in poor circumstances, and she has begun suit through Cornelius J. Earley for an accounting against her son's widow. Hoey died intestate, and the widow took possession of all he left.

The mother believes that her son left a goodly sized estate, and as he never failed to look after her comfort, she presumes that he would have left her something had he made a will.

MYSTERY OF DOUBLE DROWNING

Men Whose Supposed Bodies Were

Found in Sunken Tug Are Alive.

The mystery surrounding the sinking of the ocean tug Plymouth at the foot of Court Street, Brooklyn, on Nov. 12, was increased yesterday by the discovery that the two men who were supposed to have been drowned are alive. The tug sank suddenly from no known cause. Two men were found drowned when she was raised, and these men were identified by Capt. Charles Tidmarsh of the tug as Martin Jacobson, the fireman, and Alfred Carlson, a deckhand. They were buried after five days in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Yesterday a dispatch was received from Portland, Me., saying that both men were there, safe and sound.

Who the two drowned men were no one knows. The police of the Hamilton Avenue Station are investigating the matter.

SAILORWOMAN MUST GO BACK.

"Alice" Admits that Many of Her

Stories Were Only Romances.

"Alice the Sailor" will go back to England, whence she came. That was decided yesterday by the Immigration officials. She was so eager to be released that she wrote an appeal to Commissioner Fitchie and later told him what purported to be the story of her life, and admitted that most of the very many stories she told about herself in England were untrue.

For one thing, she is not, after all, an American, and she has not had as much experience as a sailor as her early stories made it appear.

She was born in Newport, England, eighteen years ago. Her name is Amelia Monroe. Her father was Scotch, her mother German. She was one of eight children. When she was thirteen years old she lived out as a servant, and later, at her father's suggestion, she put on boy's clothes to enable her to get work. She worked as a boy at Cardiff for some time until one day she shipped in the collier Blenavon for a long voyage. She eventually made known to the Captain the fact that she was a girl, and he sent her back to England. She never had any other sea experience, and has never before been to this country. She will probably go back on the Paris, which brought her.

Smallpox on La Normandie.

The French liner La Normandie, which arrived yesterday morning from Havre, was detained in Quarantine on account of two cases of smallpox among the children in the steerage. The children and their mothers were removed to the pest house on North Brother Island, and the other steerage passengers were vaccinated and sent to Hoffman Island for observation. The steamship, after being thoroughly fumigated, was released at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and allowed to land her cabin passengers.

Aged Ex-Convict Sentenced.

James Cassidy, seventy years old, of 221 Chrystie Street, was before the bar in General Sessions yesterday morning, and was sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment for manslaughter in the second degree. Cassidy is an ex-convict. He was convicted of killing Charles Robinson, also an ex-convict, at 63 Crosby Street.

Youthful French Ministers.

From The London Chronicle.

As Ministers go, the new French Cabinet may be almost called a ministry of youth. M. de Freycinet is its only old—or elderly—member, his age being seventy. Next in age comes M. Lockroy, who is fifty-six; M. Peytral, who is fifty-five; M. Viger, fifty-four; M. Guillaud, fifty-four; M. Delombes, forty-six; M. Dupuy, forty-seven; M. Leygues, forty-five, and M. Krantz, who is a mere youth of forty.